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SUBJECT: GON TO STEP UP AID TO ANGOLA AND OTHER FORMER PORTUGUESE
TERRITORIES

REF: THE HAGUE 841, THE HAGUE 445

1. WASTING NO TIME FOLLOWING GON'S ANNOUNCEMENT RECOGNIZING MPLA
GOVERNMENT IN ANGOLA, DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE MINISTER PRONK
ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT DUTCH AID TO COUNTRY WOULD BE EXPANDED
RAPIDLY. ASSISTANCE TO MPLA WILL BE NOTHING NEW FOR GON WHICH
HAD STARTED HUMANITARINA AID PROGRAM EVEN BEFORE PORTUGUESE
AGREED TO DEPART.FOLLOWING ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE IN NOVEMBER 1975,
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DIRECT AID TO MPLA WAS HALTED UNTIL NATIONAL GOVERNMENT COULD BE
CREATED. SOME HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO MPLA, AND TO RED CROSS

FOR APPLICATION IN FNLA AND UNITA CONTROLLED AREAS, WAS REINTRO-
DUCED IN JANUARY.

2. IN MAKING HIS ANNOUNCEMENT, PRONK SAID THAT ANGOLA ITSELF
WOULD NOT BE DESIGNATED AS A CONCENTRATION COUNTRY FOR AID, BUT
THAT FOUR OF THE FORMER PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES IN AFRICA (ANGOLA,
MOZAMBIQUE, GUINEA-BISSAU AND CAPE VERDE) WOULD BE CONSIDERED AS
CONCENTRATION COUNTRIES TOGETHER.

3. DECISION TO STEP UP AID (NO FIGURES HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED) TO
ANGOLA AND OTHER FORMER PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES IS IN LINE WITH
GOVERNMENT'S (PRONK'S) DESIRE TO BE ESPECIALLY FORTHCOMING WITH
ASSISTANCE TO LEFT-WING OF DEVELOPING WORLD--CUBA, TANZANIA AND
VIETNAM ARE AMONG COUNTRIES NOW GETTING DUTCH AID. LONG HISTORY
OF SUPPORT FOR MARXIST PORTUGUESE AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS
(FRELIMO, MPLA AND PAIGC) BY DUTCH LEFT MAKES DECISION TO STEP
UP AID AN EASY ONE FOR GON.
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